

Press Release

Vietnam 40 Exhibition

The Embassy of Ireland in Vietnam and Culture Ireland are pleased to bring the *Vietnam 40 Exhibition* to Vietnam.

“Vietnam - 40 Years after the War” is a project by Irish photographer, Ian Thuillier, who spent three months travelling from Ho Chi Minh city to Hanoi, through many cities and villages to capture life in Vietnam in 2015. The photos he took on his trip are compiled in a new book, *Vietnam 40* which has seen him shortlisted for this year’s Sony World Photography Awards out of over 100,000 photographers worldwide. *Vietnam 40* was first exhibited in Dublin on 10 December 2015.

Time and Venues:

- Quang Tri: The exhibition will be hosted by Project RENEW at the Mine Action Visitor Center, Kids First Village, Alley 185 Ly Thuong Kiet Str., Dong Ha city (from 22 to 29 June)
- Hoi An: The exhibition will be hosted by Action for the City Development (ACCD) at the Museum of Folk Culture, 33 Nguyen Thai Hoc, Hoi An city, Quang Nam province (from 1 to 8 July)

In launching the exhibition in Dong Ha, Quang Tri on 22 June 2016, Ireland’s Ambassador to Vietnam, Cáit Moran, said:

“2016 is a significant year for Ireland-Vietnam relations as we mark the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. The Embassy of Ireland is delighted to be presenting the Vietnam 40 Exhibition in Vietnam, as part of a year long programme of events to celebrate and deepen further relations between Ireland and Vietnam”

“The work of Dublin photographer, Ian Thuillier, captures the beauty, richness and character of Vietnamese life and the strength and resilience of Vietnamese people. Ian was deeply touched by what he saw and by the people he met, not just by the lethal legacy of the war, but by the beautiful landscapes and this country’s people who are so forgiving of the past. This exhibition include photos of survivors of the war, some of them elderly, having lived through the horror of it, some young but living with the legacy. Some were affected by ERW or were victims of Agent Orange. One of the survivors in his photos displayed today is from Quang Tri province”

“Quang Tri is a priority province for Ireland’s development cooperation programme. Over the past number of years, Ireland’s programme provides support to people with disabilities, UXO clearance, mine action education, safe-schools for boys and girls, and support for poverty reduction among ethnic minority communities in some of the poorest areas of Quang Tri Province. Today I am delighted to open Vietnam 40 Exhibition in Quang Tri. It is a special exhibition which marks the important and lasting relationship between Ireland and Quang Tri ”

For further details on all events and activities

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